Racket in Army Recruitment in Trivandrum

1240. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently uneearthed racket in Army Recruitment in Trivandrum;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to prevent such rackets in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) At the instance of Army authorities the premises of a suspected tout was raided at Trivandrum in January 1992 by the Kerala Police, who are investigating the matter.

(c) A statement is given below.

Statement

The following steps have been taken by the Government to eliminate instances of malpractices/irregularities in the recruitment of Defence personnel:—

(i) With a view to eliminate the interference of touts/agents, an application system has been introduced for recruitment. Evaluation of answer books has been streamlined.

(ii) Detailed Qualitative Requirements for Officers, JCOs/ORs for posting to Recruitment Organisations have been laid down to ensure that only duly screened personnel are posted to such jobs. Staff with doubtful integrity are reverted back.

(iii) Tenure of recruiting staff, both combatants and civilians, has been restricted to 2 years.

(iv) Screening of candidates is carried out by a Board of officers with 2 independent members from the local formation/unit.

(v) In order to minimise malpractices in medical examination at the time of recruitment, a system of independent checks by a second medical officer has been instituted. Provision has also been made for appeals against the verdict of the Recruiting Medical Officer.

(vi) Prompt action is being taken against touts/agents with the assistance of Civil Police/CBI/Army Liaison Unit.

(vii) Procedure for issue of sponsorship forms for recruitment of Sailors in the Navy has been streamlined and work of the staff dealing with this job is being supervised closely.

(viii) System of allocation/release of vacancies and recruitment procedure has been thoroughly revamped.

(ix) The Examination Office for recruitment in the Navy has been shifted from Bombay to Delhi for centralised setting printing and distribution of question papers to the ZRO/BROs through couriers.

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1241. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:
श्री राम दास अग्रवाल:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

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